

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ACTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, OF JOHNSON COUNTY, IN THE LOCATING, ESTABLISHING AND CONSTRUCTING OF THE ALCOCK DITCH, IN SAID COUNTY, IN THE APPORTIONING OF THE COSTS, EXPENSES, COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND FEES THEREOF, AND IN THE ASSESSING AND LEVYING OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME. •

WHEREAS, the proceedings of the board of supervisors, and the acts of the auditor, and county surveyor of Johnson county, in the years 1882 and 1883, in respect to the locating, establishing, and constructing of the ditch, in Fremont township in said county, known, and on the records of the proceedings of said board designated as the Alcock ditch, and the proceedings of said board in the year 1884, in respect to the apportioning and assessing of the costs, expenses, cost of constructing said ditch, and fees, occasioned by the locating, and constructing of said ditch among the owners of the lands benefitted thereby and in respect to the levy on such lands of taxes to pay such costs, expenses, cost of construction and fees, are claimed to have been invalid because said proceedings do not show on their face that said ditch was petitioned for by a majority of the owners of the lands adjacent thereto, and because, as it is claimed, such majority of said owners did not in fact petition therefor, and because of the alleged failure of said auditor and surveyor to perform certain acts, and because of the alleged want of authority of said board to make such assessment and to levy said taxes, and because of other alleged irregularities and informalities. Therefore

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That all the acts and proceedings of said board of supervisors, and of the auditor and surveyor, of Johnson county in the years 1882 and 1883, in respect to the locating, establishing and constructing of the said Alcock ditch, and the proceedings of said board in 1884, in respect to the apportionment and assessment of the said costs, expenses, cost of construction and fees among the owners of lands benefitted thereby, and in respect to the levy on said lands of said taxes to pay such costs, expenses, cost of construction and fees, be and the same are hereby legalized and shall be held and decreed valid and effectual to the same extent and effect, in all respects as to said acts and proceedings, as if the same had been fully conformed to the land, and said tax, and said ditch shall be held and deemed lawful, and the latter shall be maintained and repaired as provided by law.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its publication in the Des Moines Leader, and Iowa State Register, newspapers published in Polk county, Iowa, without expense to the State.